



**Louisiana Public Defender Board
Board Membership (as of December 15, 2010)**

Frank X. Neuner, Jr., Chairman

1001 West Pinhook Road, Suite 200

Lafayette, LA 70503

Term: 11/03/2008 – 11/02/2012

Appointed by: Governor

Frank X. Neuner, Jr. received a Bachelor of Science degree in 1972 and a Juris Doctor in 1976 from Louisiana State University. He has been a partner with Laborde & Neuner in Lafayette, Louisiana since its formation in 1987 and currently serves as the Managing Partner. He was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1994.

Mr. Neuner is a member of Louisiana, Texas and American Bar Associations, the Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel, the Defense Research Institute and the Maritime Law Association of the United States. He served as Treasurer of the Louisiana State Bar Association for 2002-2004, and was President of the Louisiana State Bar Association in 2005-2006. Mr. Neuner is a Past President and Board Member of the Lafayette Parish Bar Association and the Lafayette Parish Bar Foundation, and was a member of the House of Delegates of the Louisiana State Bar Association from 1980 through 1996. He was on the Board of Governors of the Louisiana State Bar Association from 1997-1999. Mr. Neuner currently serves as a Louisiana state-wide elected Delegate to the American Bar Association.

Mr. Neuner is currently the Chair of the Louisiana Public Defender Board, and he was appointed by Governor Bobby Jindal to the Drug Policy Board in 2008. On June 9, 2006, the Louisiana State Bar Association's twenty living Past Presidents honored Mr. Neuner for his outstanding service to the profession, the judiciary and the public in response to the unprecedented challenges of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. In December of 2006, The Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers presented Mr. Neuner with the Public Defender Gideon Award. In 2008, the LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center named Mr. Neuner as the Distinguished Alumni of the Year.

James E. Boren

830 Main Street

Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Term: 12/03/2008 – 12/02/2010

Appointed by: President, Louisiana State Bar Association

Since 1976 James Boren has defended the rights of the accused and the lawyers who defend them. He appears frequently in the legislature to testify on reform legislation, and serves on two of the Law

Institute's Advisory Committees – Evidence and Criminal Procedure. He is an Ad Hoc Professor at LSU, teaching courses on wrongful conviction of the innocent and trial practice.

Mr. Boren is past President of the Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, and has served on the Board of Directors of the Louisiana ACLU and the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. Mr. Boren currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Louisiana Public Defender Board and the Advisory Board of the Pugh Institute for Justice. He chaired a Lawyer's Disciplinary Hearing Committee for the Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board for ten years, and twice chaired the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyer's Indigent Defense Committee and Death Penalty Committee for three years each. He was appointed by two Governors to serve on the Louisiana Sentencing Commission, and in December 2000, he was awarded the Justice Albert Tate, Jr. Award by the Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers for his lifetime achievements.

Judge Robert J. Burns (Retired)

4513 Taft Park

Metairie, LA 70002

Term: 08/19/2008 – 12/31/2010, (term renewed -- official dates pending)

Appointed by: Chief Justice, Louisiana Supreme Court

Robert J. Burns was elected a State District Judge in 1978 for the 24th Judicial District Court for the Parish of Jefferson. He was re-elected parish wide without opposition in 1984 and 1990. He did not seek re-election in 1996. Judge Burns served many years on the Board of Governors of the Louisiana Judicial College by appointment of the Louisiana Supreme Court. He is a 1969 graduate of the Loyola Law School in New Orleans, Louisiana and practiced civil law before being elected a judge.

Since retirement, Judge Burns has accepted assignments from the Louisiana Supreme Court in high profile cases, both criminal and civil. Judge Burns was named to the Constitution Project's death penalty initiative, Washington D.C. in 2001. The committee published Mandatory Justice, Eighteen Reforms to the Death Penalty. He is currently a panel member of Perry Dampf Dispute Solutions, a Louisiana mediation and arbitration company.

Judge Burns is a former Kiwanis Club president and is currently chairman of the Board of Brother Martin High School, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Cleveland R. Coon

Southern University Law Center

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Baton Rouge, LA 70813

Term: 02/11/2009 - 02/10/2013

Appointed by: Governor, representing Southern University Law Center

Cleveland Coon is an associate professor of law who joined the Law Center in 1989. In 1991, he became the director of the Pre-Law Academic Assistance Program and bar review coordinator. Professor Coon's legal career in public interest law includes assistant attorney general for the Louisiana Department of Justice and East Baton Rouge Parish Public Defender. He was formerly an associate with White, Jones, and Lombard in New Orleans, Louisiana, and is a former law clerk for Louisiana

Supreme Court Justice Revius O. Ortique, Jr., (retired) when Ortique served on the New Orleans Civil District Court.

A 1981 Law Center graduate, Professor Coon earned a Bachelor of Arts in political science in 1976 from Southern University and A & M College. While attending law school, he was executive editor of the Southern University Law Review and served on the Moot Court Board. Professor Coon earned an LL.M. in environmental law from Tulane University School of Law in 2003.

Samuel S. Dalton

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New Orleans, LA 70181

Term: 01/17/2008 – 02/06/2011

Appointed by: Children Code Committee – Louisiana State Law Institute

Samuel Sevier Dalton graduated from Loyola University School of Law in 1954 and has practiced law as a sole practitioner for the last fifty-five (55) years in Jefferson Parish. Throughout his legal career, Mr. Dalton has dedicated time to teaching tactics to the Senior Law students at Tulane University, frequently appearing as a Guest Speaker to Loyola Law students and Louisiana State University Law Center students in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Mr. Dalton is the recipient of numerous awards of distinction. The National Association of Criminal Justice Lawyers recognized his outstanding service and dedication by bestowing the President's Commendation award on December 11, 1987. In 1988 he was awarded the "Pro Bono Lifetime Achievement Award" by the Louisiana Bar Association. In September, 1992, Mr. Dalton's dedication to the protection of civil rights was acknowledged by receiving the "Benjamin Smith Award" from the American Civil Liberties Union of Louisiana. In March 1994, the first "Sam Dalton Capital Defense Advocacy Award" was presented by the Loyola Death Penalty Resource Center. This award is presented yearly to individuals who make special contributions in the defense of those charged with capital crimes. In 1994, he received an Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree from Loyola University School of Law. In the same year, an endowed scholarship fund in his name was founded by Loyola's School of Law, and Mr. Dalton received the distinguished Justice Albert Tate, Jr. Award presented by Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. In 2007, Mr. Dalton was recognized by The Young Leadership Council of the City of New Orleans to be a member of twenty-five recipients to receive the 2007 Class of Role Model Award.

Mr. Dalton was responsible for the 1980 United States Supreme Court case of Tague vs. Louisiana (intelligent waiver of Miranda Rights). He is known for his expertise in capital cases, both for trial and on appeal, including post-conviction relief for death-row inmates.

Addison K. Goff, IV

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Ruston, LA 71273-2050

Term: 2/25/2010 – 2/24/2013

Appointed by: Speaker of the House of Representatives

Add Goff practices law with his wife Shelley Goff and his father A. Kennon Goff, III, in the law firm founded by A.K. Goff, Jr., in 1931. Although maintaining a general law practice, the firm focuses on representing victims of defective firearms and ammunition. Goff & Goff has represented clients in nearly every state in the country.

Add joined the firm in 1993, after having served as a law clerk to Justice James L. Dennis of the Louisiana Supreme Court.

Add received his Juris Doctorate in 1992 from Louisiana State University, where he wrote for the Louisiana Law Review. In 2004, he graduated from Gerry Spence's Trial Lawyer's College in Dubois, Wyoming and has since completed both levels of the college's graduate curricula.

From 1998 through 2006, Add served as the Senate President's appointee to the Louisiana Indigent Defense Assistance Board, the predecessor to the current Louisiana Public Defender Board. Add has also served as the President of the Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and as a member of the Board of Governors of the Louisiana Trial Lawyers Association. He has lectured throughout the country, as well as in Quebec, on the subject of defective firearm and ammunition litigation and analysis.

In 2010, Add will complete his second term as a Hearing Committee Chairman for the Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board, in charge of holding evidentiary hearings for the Louisiana Supreme Court's decisions on ethical complaints against lawyers.

From 1999 through 2004, Add served as the president of Christian Community Action, an interdenominational organization for the provision of food and clothing to the poor in Lincoln Parish. From 2004 to 2007, he was on the Board of Directors for Louisiana MedCamps, an organization that hosts summer camps for disabled children.

Add is an Eagle Scout and also has been a Tae Kwon Do and Judo Instructor.

Craig F. (Frank) Holthaus

618 Main Street

Baton Rouge, LA 70801

Term: 2/1/2010 – 1/31/2013

Appointed by: President of the Senate

Frank Holthaus is a partner of the firm deGravelles, Palmintier, Holthaus & Frugé. Mr. Holthaus received his law degree from the Paul M. Hebert Law School at Louisiana State University in 1975. His practice focuses on federal criminal matters, including Title 18, environmental, anti-trust and corrupt foreign practice act violations, as well as personal injury cases in all courts.

Mr. Holthaus belongs to the following professional associations: Baton Rouge Bar Association (President, 1996-1997; Secretary, 1994; Treasurer, 1993; Member, Board of Directors, 1987-1996; Chairman: Local Criminal Court Rules, Middle District of Louisiana; Court Liaison Committee, 2000); Louisiana State Bar Association (President, Criminal Law Section, 1982; Member, House of Delegates, 1990-1994; 1996-2000; 2002—) Judicial Liaison Committee 2007—); American Bar Association (Member: Standing Committee on Grand Juries, 1985-1992; White Collar Crime

Committee, 1992-1996; Federal Court Bench Bar Liaison Committee, 1999); Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (Charter Member, 1985; Legislative Liaison, 1986-1990; Member, Board of Directors, 1986-1987); Louisiana Trial Lawyers Association (Chair, Criminal Law Section, 2007); Baton Rouge Lawyers for Criminal Justice (President, 1983); Supreme Court of Louisiana Committee on Standards on Juror Use and Management; CJA Panel Selection Committee for Middle District of Louisiana.

Leo Hamilton

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Baton Rouge, 70821

Term: 2/1/2010 – 01/31/2013

Appointed by: Governor

Leo C. Hamilton, a partner of the firm Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, Baton Rouge Office, practices in the areas of labor and employment law, administrative law, constitutional law and governmental relations. Mr. Hamilton graduated from LSU in 1973 and received his law degree from the Paul M. Hebert Law School at Louisiana State University in 1977. He has been admitted to the practice of law in Louisiana since 1980.

Mr. Hamilton belongs to the following professional associations: Louisiana State Bar Association (Member), American Bar Association (Member), National Bar Association, (Member), Federal Bar association, (Member), Louis A. Martinet Legal Society (Member), Baton Rouge Bar Association (Past President and Past member of the Board of Directors and various standing committees), American Association of Bar Presidents (Member), House of Delegates and the Budget Committee of the Louisiana State Bar Association (Past Member), House of Delegates of the American Bar Association (Past Member), Louisiana Bar Foundation Community Partnership Panel (Member), Louisiana State Law Institute (Council Member), Louisiana Public Defender Board (Member), Big River Economic and Agricultural Development Alliance (Board Member), Alumnus of Leadership Baton Rouge and Leadership Louisiana, AFSCME, Louisiana Council No. 17 and Assistant Secretary of the Louisiana State Department of Labor (Past Assistant Director), Council for A Better Louisiana (Regional Advisory Board, Member), Greater Baton Rouge Community Clinic (Board Member), American Red Cross (Past President), 100 Black Men of Metro Baton Rouge (Member and Past Board Member), City Club of Baton Rouge (Board Member), River City Jazz Coalition (Board Member), Omnicron Delta Kappa, the National Leadership Society (Member), Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity (Member).

Reverend Dan Krutz

527 North Boulevard, 4th Floor

Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Term: Reappointed 1/1/2010 – 12/31/13

Appointed by: Executive Director, Louisiana Interchurch Conference

Rev. Dan Krutz is the Executive Director of the Louisiana Interchurch Conference (LIC), a statewide association of churches with offices in Baton Rouge. Historically, a major effort of the LIC has been a focus on criminal justice reform. Representatives of the churches over the years monitored conditions

of the prisons and called for changes in treatment of those incarcerated. Through the efforts of the LIC an Interfaith Chapel was constructed at the Louisiana State Penitentiary at Angola in 1980, and the LIC has supported efforts of the Louisiana Prison Chapel Foundation to build Interfaith Chapels at all the State Correctional Centers.

A recent focus of the work of LIC Commission on Criminal Justice has been advocacy for Juvenile Justice Reform and monitoring the implementation of the legislative reforms of 2003. Rev. Krutz served on the legislative task force on juvenile justice that made recommendations that were later included in the reform act.

Rev. Krutz received his BA from Southern Methodist University, Master of Divinity from Berkeley Divinity School at Yale in New Haven, CT and a Doctor of Ministry degree from the Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, VA. Rev. Krutz was ordained as an Episcopal Priest in 1971. He has served in several Churches around Louisiana. He currently serves as Priest in Charge of St. Francis Episcopal Church in Denham Springs.

Luceia LeDoux

400 Poydras Street, Suite 2950

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Term: Reappointed 1/1/2010 – 6/6/12

Appointed by: Chief Justice, Louisiana Supreme Court

Luceia LeDoux is the director of public safety/governmental oversight grants for Baptist Community Ministries, a New Orleans foundation. She utilizes her twenty years of juvenile and criminal justice program experience in overseeing BCM grants and assisting others in the development of community projects focused on vulnerable populations. After Katrina, Ms. LeDoux was a loaned executive to a network of nonprofits providing recovery services.

Prior to joining BCM in November 2001, Ms. LeDoux was assistant Director of the Office of Social Service Research and Development (OSSRD) at LSU. She directed juvenile justice, corrections, addictions and mental health projects and community partnerships providing research, evaluation, technical assistance, specialized training, and advocacy. Ms. LeDoux led development of the state's truancy prevention initiative aimed at identifying children displaying early patterns of school absence. The program now operates in 23 of the state's 64 parishes, and is still expanding. In 2001 she was selected by Prevent Child Abuse Louisiana as a Champion for Children and by the Young Leadership Council of New Orleans as a 2008 Role model.

Christine Lipsey

McGlinchey Stafford, PLLC

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Baton Rouge, LA 70825

Term: 06/24/2009 – 01/21/2011

Appointed by: President, Louisiana State Bar Association

Christine Lipsey, a member in the law firm McGlinchey Stafford PLLC, practices in the area of commercial litigation. She is a past president of the Baton Rouge Bar Association and formerly served

on the Board of Governors and the Disciplinary Board of the Louisiana State Bar Association. She currently serves on the LSBA Committee on Rules of Professional Conduct and the Louisiana Supreme Court's Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Committee. She presently serves on the Commercial and Business Litigation Committee, the Business Torts Committee, and the Professional Liability Litigation Committee of the American Bar Association. She is a member of the Bar Association of the Fifth Federal Circuit, the Wex S. Malone American Inn of Court, and is a Louisiana Bar Foundation fellow. Ms. Lipsey frequently lectures in the areas of legal ethics and professionalism. She is a 1982 graduate of Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center, where she teaches Legal Professions as an adjunct faculty member and serves as a member of the Board of Trustees.

Lucy S. McGough

Paul M. Hebert School of Law

Louisiana State University

Baton Rouge, LA 70803

Term: 07/01/2008 – 01/30/2012

Appointed by: Governor, representing Paul M. Hebert Law Center

Lucy S. McGough has been a member of the Paul M. Hebert School of Law faculty since 1981. Before then, she taught for ten years at Emory University Law School and held the Charles Howard Candler Professor of Law position. She was the Research Director for the Children's Code Project that resulted in the Louisiana Children's Code of 1991. Since then, Professor McGough has continuously served as the Reporter for the Children's Code Advisory Committee to the Louisiana State Law Institute, a reform body that is responsible for recommending legislation that will reflect best practices in the juvenile courts.

Pamela Metzger

Tulane University School of Law

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Term: 08/10/2009 – 08/09/2013

Appointed by: Governor, representing Tulane University School of Law

Pamela Metzger joined the Tulane faculty in 2001 as Director of the Criminal Law Clinic. After her graduation from law school, Professor Metzger worked as associate attorney in the Federal Defender Division of the Legal Aid Society of New York, and then as associate at a private firm in New York. She has taught in the criminal litigation area at Brooklyn Law School, and at the law schools of Fordham University and Washington and Lee University. Professor Metzger is editor of the Clinical Law Blog. In 2007, she was selected by the AALS Section on Clinical Legal Education as the recipient of the Shanara Gilbert Emerging Clinician Award. In the announcement of the award, special note was made of Professor Metzger's work to re-build the Orleans Parish criminal justice system after Hurricane Katrina.

D. Majeeda Snead

Loyola University School of Law

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Term: 03/29/2009 – 03/28/2012

Appointed by: Governor, representing Loyola University School of Law

D. Majeeda Snead started her legal career as the 1985 recipient of the Reginald Hebert Smith Fellowship working at New Orleans Legal Assistance Corporation in the Family Law Unit. During that fellowship she established an in house relationship with Catholic Charities representing displaced battered women. In 1987 she joined the law firm of Howell & Bayer and in 1990 became a partner in the law firm of Howell & Snead, specializing in civil rights, plaintiff civil litigation, criminal defense and family law.

In 1999, Professor Snead was invited to be a Visiting Clinical Professor in the Loyola Law Clinic teaching in the area of criminal defense. She was asked to join the faculty in 2001. In July 2007 she became the Acting Director of the Loyola Law Clinic serving until August 1, 2008. In July 2008 she was appointed by the Louisiana Supreme Court to serve as Judge Pro Tem in Criminal District Court for the Parish of Orleans where she served until August 22, 2008. She is also one of the Governor's appointees to the Louisiana Public Defender Board. Prior to that appointment she was a member of the Louisiana Task Force on Criminal Defense.

Gina Womack

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New Orleans, LA 70113

Term: 06/21/2008 – 06/20/2012

Appointed by: Louis A. Martinet Society

Gina Womack is the director and co-founder of Families and Friends of Louisiana's Incarcerated Children (FFLIC), a statewide membership-based organization dedicated to creating a better life for all of Louisiana's youth, especially those who are involved, or at risk of becoming involved in the juvenile justice system. Ms. Womack first came to JJPL as the Office Administrator. However in 2001, Ms. Womack founded FFLIC along with other members, became an organizer and began to conduct extensive community outreach efforts, recruiting participants and facilitating meetings. She was lead organizer of FFLIC's mock Jazz Funeral with parents along with various other direct action events that gave FFLIC a voice within the Louisiana Legislature and has allowed parents to recognize their power. Since its inception, FFLIC has worked with allies to close two juvenile prisons and are embarking upon a statewide campaign to interrupt the school-to-prison pipeline in Louisiana.

Ms. Womack is a board member of the Louisiana Public Defender Board, the Petra Foundation and Metairie Park Country Day School. She is also a 2006 Petra Fellow, 2009 Juvenile Justice Project Advocate of the Year and 2009 Ms. Foundation Women of Vision award. FFLIC also received the 2009 NJJN & CFYJ Organization of Distinction Award.

Judge Robert Brinkman

3553 Hwy 152

Opelousas, LA 70570

Term: Ex Officio

Appointed by: Louisiana Public Defenders' Association

Robert Brinkman is a retired judge of the 27th Judicial District Court. Judge Brinkman received his B.S. Degree in Business Administration in 1956 from Southwestern Louisiana Institute, now University of Louisiana at Lafayette. He received his Bachelor of Laws degree and his Juris Doctorate in 1962 from Louisiana State University, and he was admitted to the practice of law in 1962.

In 1967, after five years of private practice, Mr. Brinkman entered the office of J.Y. Fontenot, District Attorney. In 1972, he became a full-time assistant District Attorney. Judge Brinkman became chief felony prosecutor in St. Landry Parish in 1973 and remained in that position until 1983, when he was elected Judge in the 27th Judicial District Court. Judge Brinkman retired from the judiciary in 1999, and he currently sits as a judge in various jurisdictions by appointments from the Louisiana Supreme Court.

Judge Brinkman is a member of the Louisiana State Bar Association, the Louisiana District Judges Association, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, the Opelousas Chamber of Commerce, and the American Judges Association. He has also served on the Louisiana District Attorney's Association Board of Directors, on the St. Landry Parish Democratic Executive Committee, and the St. Landry Parish Home Rule Charter Commission.

Rebecca Hudsmith

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Lafayette, LA 70501

Term: Ex Officio

Appointed by: Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

Rebecca L. Hudsmith serves as Federal Public Defender for the Middle and Western Districts of Louisiana and has held that position since the founding of the office in December of 1993. Prior to her appointment as federal public defender, Ms. Hudsmith was engaged primarily in the private practice of criminal defense law in Shreveport, Louisiana. She also worked as an associate at the Washington D.C. offices of Steptoe & Johnson (1981-1983) and served as the founding director of the Loyola Death Penalty Resource Center in New Orleans, Louisiana (1988-1990). She is admitted to practice law in both Louisiana and the District of Columbia. Ms. Hudsmith is a 1980 graduate of the LSU Law Center, where she served as senior associate editor of the Louisiana Law Review and was a member of the Order of the Coif. She is a former law clerk for the late U.S. Circuit Court Judge Albert Tate, Jr., of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit (1980-1981).